

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA
GREAT FALLS DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

STANLEY PATRICK WEBER,

Defendant.

Criminal Docket
No. CR 18-14-GF-BMM

Partial Transcript of Trial with a Jury
Testimony of Dr. Daniel V. Foster

Missouri River Federal Courthouse
125 Central Avenue West
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BEFORE THE HONORABLE BRIAN MORRIS

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

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(Open court.)

(Defendant present.)

(Whereupon, during the above-entitled trial, testimony of Dr. Daniel V. Foster proceeded as follows:)

MS. SUEK: Your Honor, United States calls Dr. Dan Foster.

DR. DANIEL V. FOSTER,

called for examination by counsel for the government, after having been first duly sworn to testify the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as follows:

THE COURT: Good afternoon, sir.

THE WITNESS: Good afternoon.

THE COURT: Would you please state your full name for the record.

THE WITNESS: Daniel V. Foster.

THE COURT: Go ahead, Ms. Suek.

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MS. SUEK:

Q. Sir, tell us about your employment history.

A. Well, most of my career I worked with -- initially, I worked with Yukon-Koyukuk Mental Health Program up in Galena, Alaska. I was the first director. That was back in 1980. Provided mental health service for seven villages in the

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1 interior of Alaska.

2 Then I went with the Bureau of Prisons for 11 years.
3 Worked there as the drug treatment program coordinator for the
4 United States Penitentiary in Lompoc, California. Then I
5 worked as a forensic psychologist, doing evaluation at the US
6 Medical Center for Federal Prisoners in Springfield, Missouri.
7 Then I went to the Federal Medical Center in Rochester,
8 Minnesota, as the Chief of Psychology Services. And then
9 later, the deputy warden in charge of the Psychiatric Hospital
10 and Mental Health Services. And then I went to the Central
11 Office as the director of drug abuse programs nationally for
12 the Bureau of Prisons.

13 And then I went for a year to the University of
14 North Dakota. My wife -- the other Dr. Foster -- and I helped
15 start up a program called, "Indians in Psychology Doctoral
16 Education Program" at the University of North Dakota, Grand
17 Forks. And I'm glad to say it's still going, and our youngest
18 daughter graduated from there with her Ph.D. in psychology
19 about four years ago. She's now a licensed psychologist here
20 in Montana.

21 And then I worked for the next 20-some years for the
22 Indian Health Services: 13 years at Browning, Montana, and
23 then the last 13 years at Rosebud, South Dakota. And retired
24 last summer.

25 Q. Dr. Foster, what is your education?

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1 A. I received my under graduate degree at Willamette
2 University in Salem, Oregon in psychology. I did a triple
3 major, so I had a couple other majors. And I did my doctorate
4 at Baylor University in Waco, Texas, in clinical psychology.
5 And I did my postdoctoral master's of science in
6 psychopharmacology at Alliant University out of San Francisco,
7 California.

8 Q. Focusing on your career with Indian Health Service, IHS,
9 you mentioned that you were in Browning, Montana for 13 years.

10 What time period, Dr. Foster?

11 A. Actually, I think it was 11 years. So it would have been
12 from 1994 through 2005.

13 Q. And then, after that, you were in South Dakota for Indian
14 Health Service?

15 A. Yes, in Rosebud, Indian Health Service.

16 Q. You mentioned that you are married?

17 A. I am.

18 Q. To who?

19 A. My wife, Dr. Becky Crawford.

20 Q. And I believe that I have referred to her, unfortunately,
21 as Crawford because I know her that way as well. But she's
22 also known by Dr. Becky Foster; correct?

23 A. Or Crawford-Foster, correct.

24 Q. Dr. Foster, during your time in Browning, Montana for
25 Indian Health Service, did you have occasion to get to know

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1 Dr. Stanley -- Dr. Pat Weber?

2 A. Not really, but I met him. I didn't get to know him.

3 Q. Could you explain if you remember, for the ladies and
4 gentlemen of the jury, how long your times, Dr. Weber's and
5 yours, in Browning overlapped?

6 A. I think approximately a year, possibly up to 15 months. I
7 don't recall exactly.

8 Q. What did you understand from your perspective -- well, I
9 should ask you: What were you doing in Browning for Indian
10 Health Service?

11 A. I don't know what the title there was. I think, maybe,
12 Director of Behavioral Health or Chief of Psychology, one or
13 the other.

14 Q. You were practicing as a clinical psychologist?

15 A. Clinical psychologist at a middle level management level.

16 Q. What was your understanding of Dr. Weber's role for Indian
17 Health Service?

18 A. A pediatrician.

19 Q. During your year to 15 months, did you have occasion to
20 observe Dr. Weber in his work?

21 A. Not observe him in his work, but observe aspects of his
22 work.

23 Q. Did any of those aspects that you observed cause you
24 concern?

25 A. Within two months, yes.

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1 Q. Can you explain what you observed that caused you concern?

2 A. I'd worked with a range of serious mental illness while I
3 was with the Bureau of Prisons. And my last -- my last seven
4 years when I was at the Federal Medical Center in Rochester,
5 Minnesota, we had a 138-bed inpatient psychiatrist hospital.
6 And we also had specialty care for inpatient and outpatient
7 drug abuse and chemical abuse treatment programs there. And
8 then we also had for a time a specialized sex offender
9 rehabilitation treatment program while I was there.

10 So I was a hands-on director. I ran groups and saw
11 some people individually while I was there. And particularly
12 with -- well, with all of the inpatient groups, I spent time
13 with the staff, as well as with -- we were all male in the
14 treatment programs. We had some females who also served in our
15 medical center that we also provided services for. So we had a
16 138-bed hospital, as well as the psychiatrist hospital on the
17 compound. And so I worked -- particularly as we were starting
18 up the sex offender treatment group, I worked with some of
19 those men. So I immediately saw some patterns of his
20 interventions --

21 MR. STEINBERG: Your Honor, I'm going to object. I'm
22 going to object in terms of relevance.

23 THE COURT: Overruled. Let's get to the point.

24 BY MS. SUEK:

25 Q. What did you observe about Dr. Weber?

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1 A. Yes. A concern I had early on was Dr. Weber was a part of
2 the multidisciplinary team. We met weekly. And in this team
3 we identified youths that were at risk for neglect and abuse,
4 not just sexual abuse but sexual abuse included. In fact, we
5 had a member of your office who was up there on a monthly basis
6 to --

7 Q. And what did you observe of Dr. Weber?

8 A. But Dr. Weber used to have a list of prepubescent males
9 that he spent time with, both at the middle school, as well as
10 in his offices there at the hospital. That concerned me.

11 Q. Did you see any other physicians spending time, as you
12 say, with this list of at-risk males?

13 A. Never anyone else through the present time, no.

14 Q. Did you observe anything else that caused you concern?

15 A. Well, did I observe directly? No.

16 Q. Was there a time when you were in Shelby at a pizza place?

17 A. I apologize. Yeah, my wife and I were coming back from
18 South Dakota, and we stopped by a Pizza Hut. And Dr. Weber was
19 there with several boys from Browning, the Blackfeet
20 Reservation. Though, initially, I didn't recognize it was
21 Dr. Weber. I thought it was several boys. He was dressed --

22 Q. Why do you say that?

23 A. He was dressed with a hat sideways, wore baggy pants and
24 dressed in the attire of these middle school kids.

25 Q. Why did that cause you concern?

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1 A. I didn't see any of their family --

2 MR. STEINBERG: Objection, Judge.

3 THE COURT: Hold on, sir.

4 MR. STEINBERG: Relevance.

5 THE COURT: Overruled. Go ahead, please.

6 BY MS. SUEK:

7 Q. Did why did that cause you concern?

8 A. I didn't see any of their family members present.

9 Q. In your experience with IHS to that point, was that
10 unusual for you to see doctors with males like that at a Pizza
11 Hut?

12 A. Never witnessed it before or since.

13 Q. What did you do about these concerns, sir?

14 A. I brought my concerns to our service unit director. Now
15 they call it the hospital CEO, Mary Ellen LaFromboise. And I
16 also brought it up to my Regional Director of Behavioral
17 Health, Margene Tower.

18 Q. And after you made the complaint, sir, what, if anything,
19 happened to you?

20 A. Well, Indian County is not an easy -- well, maybe nowhere
21 is easy to work and live. Maybe that's life. But our
22 department had already been somewhat fractured before I got
23 there, and one of the --

24 Q. Dr. Foster, I just need to answer: What happened to you,
25 if anything, after making that complaint?

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1 A. Well, we were -- that's what I was trying to explain. But
2 there were factions already present when I got there. One of
3 my goals was to try to unify the department. Instead, it
4 fractionated the department because it became kind of an
5 us-against-them thing. And so my wife and I were ostracized by
6 several of our colleagues for the next 11 years.

7 Q. Did it eventually lead to your transfer?

8 A. That was a contributing factor.

9 Q. I have no further questions.

10 THE COURT: Cross-exam.

11 MR. STEINBERG: May I have a moment?

12 THE COURT: You may.

13 (Off-the-record discussion among Mr. Steinberg, Mr. Cox,
14 and Ms. Siefert.)

15 MR. STEINBERG: No questions. Thank you.

16 THE COURT: Is the witness excused?

17 MS. SUEK: Yes, Your Honor.

18 THE COURT: You may step down, sir. Thank you very
19 much for your time.

20 (Whereupon, the trial continued.)

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I further certify that I am not attorney for, nor employed by, nor related to any of the parties or attorneys to this action, nor financially interested in this action.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand at Great Falls, Montana, this 6th day of November, 2018.

/s/ Yvette Heinze

Yvette Heinze
United States Court Reporter